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REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st MAY, 1972

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THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE **BRITISH ACADEMY**, BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.1, ON **FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER, 1972, AT 5 p.m.**, TO HEAR **MRS. DIANA KIRKBRIDE HELBAEK**; TO CONSIDER THE ACCOUNTS, THE BALANCE SHEET AND THE REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AUDITOR; TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL; TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR; AND FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY BE TRANSACTED.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

It is with great regret that the Council records the death on 28th September 1971 of Sir John Troutbeck. His interest in the School while he was H.M. Ambassador to Iraq was followed by service as Chairman (1955-65) and as President from 1966-70. We have also to report the death of two former members of Council, Sir Francis Humphrys and Lady Drower, whose active assistance to the School goes back to its earliest days.

Mr. Nicholas Postgate, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge and lately Lecturer in Akkadian at the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London has been appointed Assistant Director in place of Mr. Jeffery Orchard. With Mrs. Postgate he took up residence in Baghdad at the beginning of February 1972.

The Director has moved into the house immediately adjoining the School on the Tigris river bank and now, with a door made through the party garden wall, the two buildings are virtually one. Although everyone regrets leaving the old Director's house (formerly the main School building), there can be no doubt as to the convenience of the new arrangement. The new house has seven bedrooms, three reception rooms, two large basements, a garage and gardens at the front and back.

Nearly 70 scholars stayed at the School during the year and used its facilities. Although our two visiting lecturers both had to cancel their visits, we were delighted to welcome Professor A. K. S. Lambton F.B.A., who stayed for some time and travelled in the north of the country. Miss Deirdre Bowden of Cambridge held the School Fellowship for 1971/72. She studied Incantation texts in the Iraq Museum and also joined the Director's excavations at Umm Dabaghiyah. Miss S. Wadham of Oxford University was awarded a Travel Grant.

In the hostel itself, the library has been moved into the former large sitting-room together with all the shelves of books that had been in the dining-room and corridor. Strip lighting is now installed and this new arrangement makes a very fine room for working. Miss Newbould continues her index of the articles in Journals in addition to her other duties. The small room formerly used as the library makes a comfortable sitting-room.

The School transport has now been brought up to date with the addition of a new Landrover Pick-Up. We now have the 1970 Landrover Station Wagon, the new Pick-Up and the 1970 VW Variant Estate Car.

The Assistant Director and Mrs. Postgate supervised the move to the new house during the Director's absence at her excavations. The Director and Assistant Director continue to work on their own publications. All members of the staff, and all visiting scholars, travelled extensively within the country visiting ancient sites and excavations.

The Director continued her excavations at the Pottery Neolithic site of Umm Dabaghiyah. The expedition, with a staff of seven members, eight for a time, was in the field for nine weeks. This second season greatly augmented the findings of the first (Preliminary Report published in *Iraq* XXXIV (1972), pp. 3-15). It is now certain that the site consists of four main building levels, each with its own architecture, that the houses and

artifacts of the earliest levels are of superior quality to those of the later, and that furthermore there seems to be a contraction in the size of the village after the earliest level. So far the earliest level has been reached only over a small area and the main work has been elucidating the architectural layout of the two latest levels. The results so far show that multi-roomed houses were built around three sides of a large central court, about 15 metres long and 8 metres wide. The latter appears to have a walled enclosure along part of its fourth side, with further rooms adjacent, but more work is needed to ascertain the plan. The third level seems to retain the central courtyard, but the rooms are more regular in plan. The earliest level has finely built houses. In all levels the walls and floors are generally plastered, and some traces of red paint remain. Ultimately the site is of one culture. Further examples of painted wares, some with designs so far without parallel, were found. Very fine burnished ware was present in the lower levels and pottery with applied decoration is found throughout. The latter is also unique in that animal figures and human ones were modelled in clay and applied to the pots as decoration. This year the finds included alabaster and pink-veined limestone vessels of fine workmanship.

As Umm Dabaghiyah has so many features new to prehistoric Iraq, it must now be considered a type site and it is hoped the excavations will continue until the plan of the earliest settlement can be uncovered. The expedition was honoured this year by a visit from the Director-General of Antiquities and members of his staff.

We again extend our gratitude to the Director-General of Antiquities, Dr. 'Isa Salman, to the Director of Excavations, Dr. Fuad Safar, the Director of the Museum, Dr. Fawzi Rashid and their staffs for their unfailing help and encouragement to the staff and visiting scholars of the School.

On behalf of the Council,
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